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Dear Mr. Dwyer:

Thank you for your recent inquiry enclosing correspondence from your constituent, concerning action being taken to free Raoul Wallenberg.

The Department of State shares your concerns about the fate of Mr. Wallenberg and take every appropriate opportunity to inquire with the Soviet government about the whereabouts and condition of Raoul Wallenberg.

As you know, President Reagan conferred American citizenship on Mr. Wallenberg in October 1981. Honoring him in this fashion was an important symbolic act. It made the world aware of our great admiration for his courage and dedication to humanity. In addition, it stressed our abhorrence for his unjust and illegal punishment by the Soviet government.

Secretary Shultz has also cited the courageous acts of Raoul Wallenberg in Stockholm and in his visits with Soviet Foreign Minister Gromyko. In August 1983, Edward J. Derwinski, Counselor of the Department, testified before Congress on the subject of Raoul Wallenberg. As he stated then, "Our position has remained consistent and clear. Until the Soviets provide a full clarification of Wallenberg's fate, the United States will not accept as final the Soviet assurances that Wallenberg died in 1947... I can assure you categorically that this matter will be raised again in every appropriate forum."

Concerning specific proposal of trading alleged KGB agents arrested for espionage, the Department of State does not comment publicly on the issue of prisoner exchanges.

The Honorable  
Bernard J. Dwyer,  
House of Representatives.

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We appreciate the continued concern and support you and Mr. Harris have for Raoul Wallenberg and wish to assure you the United States government will continue to press the Soviets to respond to our attempts to locate Mr. Wallenberg.

If we can be of assistance to you in this or any other matter, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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